Refusal with an Exit - Review journal

Review an attempt at refusal with an exit and choose what to keep, change, or leave aside.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 10 minutes

Fictional example: Jordan is invited to an event where returning to use feels more likely.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. A refusal works best when it includes a realistic way to leave or get support.

Practice task

Rehearse a brief decline, an exit line, and an alternative plan for a low-stakes invitation.

1. What I tried, or what happened in the fictional example:

2. What I noticed before, during, and after; what remains uncertain:

3. What helped, did not help, or was outside my control:

4. What makes leaving feasible rather than just a sentence on paper? My optional adjustment or support request:

Scope and adaptation

Adapt to individualized assessment and the person's chosen recovery goals. Worksheets do not manage intoxication, overdose, or withdrawal. Abrupt cessation of alcohol or benzodiazepines can be dangerous: seek medical guidance rather than using a worksheet to stop or taper. Follow existing emergency and overdose-prevention plans; medication choices belong with qualified prescribers.

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